THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. BRYAN 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 10 LIGHTHOUSE RESOURCES INC.; NO. 3:18-cv-05005-RJB 11 LIGHTHOUSE PRODUCTS, LLC; LHR 12 INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC; LHR COAL, LLC; and MILLENNIUM BULK LIGHTHOUSE STATEMENT 13 TERMINALS-LONGVIEW, LLC, OF POSITION RE: STATUS CONFERENCE 14 Plaintiff, 15 vs. 16 JAY INSLEE, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Washington; 17 MAIA BELLON, in her official capacity as 18 Director of the Washington Department of Ecology; and HILARY S. FRANZ, in her 19 official capacity as Commissioner of Public Lands, 20 21 Defendants 22 Plaintiff Lighthouse Resources, Inc. and its related parties ("Lighthouse") 23 submits this statement of its position on scheduling matters likely to be discussed 24 during tomorrow's Status Conference. 25 26 LIGHTHOUSE STATEMENT OF POSITION RE: STATUS CONFERENCE-1 of 4 (3:18-cv-05005-RJB) [4822-5378-3084]

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Lighthouse has reviewed the Status Conference Statement (Dkt 54) filed by Intervenor-Plaintiff BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF"), and generally agrees with its suggestions.

Lighthouse's greatest concern is that there be no additional delay in the commencement of discovery. The FRCP 26(f) Conference, Initial Disclosures and Combined Status Report deadlines have already been extended by 30 days. Lighthouse does not believe that good cause exists for any further delay. For this reason, regardless of how the Court rules on the briefing schedule for the State Defendants' Motion for Partial Dismissal ("Motion")(Dkt 20), Lighthouse respectfully requests that there be no further extension of the deadlines for the commencement of the discovery process.

As to the briefing schedule on the State Defendants' Motion, Lighthouse agrees, that if the State Defendants intend to file a 12(b)(6) motion against BNSF, BNSF's briefing proposal will be the most efficient process for the briefing, argument and consideration by the Court. Lighthouse nevertheless remains prepared to file its opposition brief on April 12 as currently scheduled.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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I hereby certify that on April 9, 2018, I caused the foregoing document to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of the filing to all counsel of record.

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